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Sir:

**PRIOR ART STATEMENT**

Enclosed is the application of John H. Posselius et al  
for United States Letters Patent for an  
**AUTOMATIC GUIDANCE SYSTEM FOR TOWED FARM IMPLEMENTS.**

The prior art noted below, a copy of which is enclosed, is the closest prior art of which I  
am aware.

Magazine article – Chad Elmore, “Hands-free Steering” OEM Off-Highway, May  
2003 Vol. 21 No. 4, Pages 14-21

This article discloses the use of GPS guidance systems and on-board computers  
to guide tractors in straight line paths parallel and adjacent to previously worked rows.

Respectfully submitted,



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